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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 13, 2009, having a date for response of August 13, 2009. This Amendment and Response is timely submitted.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6.